



General Assembly

**Substitute Bill No. 282**

February Session, 2008

\* SB00282PS 040308 \*

**AN ACT CONCERNING THE STATE METHADONE AUTHORITY.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Section 17a-450 of the 2008 supplement to the general  
2 statutes is amended by adding subsection (d) as follows (*Effective from*  
3 *passage*):

4 (NEW) (d) The Department of Mental Health and Addiction  
5 Services is designated as the lead state agency for substance abuse  
6 prevention and treatment in this state, and as such is designated as the  
7 state methadone authority. As the designated state methadone  
8 authority, the department is authorized by the federal Center for  
9 Substance Abuse Treatment of the Substance Abuse and Mental Health  
10 Services Administration within the United States Department of  
11 Health and Human Services to exercise responsibility and authority for  
12 the treatment of opiate addiction with an opioid medication, and  
13 specifically for: (1) Approval of exceptions to federal opioid treatment  
14 protocols in accordance with the Center for Substance Abuse  
15 Treatment, (2) monitoring all opioid treatment programs in the state,  
16 and (3) approval of Center for Substance Abuse Treatment certification  
17 of all opioid treatment programs in the state. The Commissioner of  
18 Mental Health and Addiction Services shall adopt regulations in  
19 accordance with chapter 54 to carry out the provisions of this  
20 subsection.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:
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Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	17a-450
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**PH**      *Joint Favorable Subst.-LCO*

**PS**      *Joint Favorable*